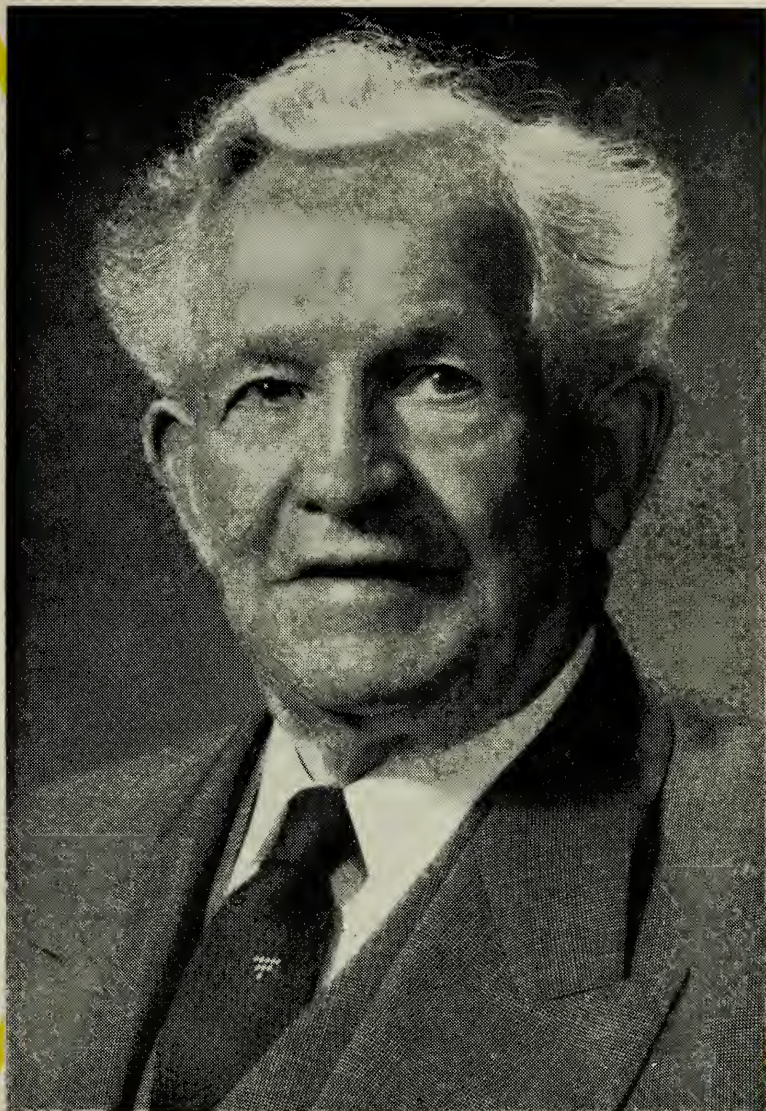




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How to keep your Testimony

DURING the past few months, it has been our pleasure to meet with most of the wonderful members of the Church throughout this great land of South Africa and Rhodesia. We appreciate your many kindnesses to us and the love of the Gospel which is evident in your lives.

It has been a special blessing to meet with many of you, who have recently joined the Church, and to see the light of the Gospel in your lives and how much it means to you to have been blessed to find the truth.

Sometimes the fire of the Gospel burns at a lower ebb in our lives than others. When we are busily engaged in serving our fellowmen and are filling church assignments to the best of our ability, we are happiest. When we let outside interests dominate our lives so that our church assignments are a burden to us or are done without enthusiasm, then our happiness is not as complete as it should be. We need to have the Gospel and the church activities as the centre of our lives and let other matters revolve around the Church in order for our testimonies to be strong. We must feel that living the Gospel and sharing its blessings with our loved ones is more important than anything else, or there is danger our testimonies may weaken.

One of our former stake presidents likened the coals of a fire to the members of the Church. He said that when each of the coals of the fire is near the centre of the blaze and heat, it takes on a glow and a warmth that lets it fill the purpose of its creation. It burns brightly and gives off a warmth to all around it.

When one of these coals falls away from the heat and from the coals, which are red and glowing, that coal becomes dark and cold and gives off no warmth. Then when that coal is moved into the centre of activity and heat, it burns brightly once more.

Even so is it with each of us as members of the Church. When we keep active in our assignments and are closely associated with the other members of the Church, we glow with the warmth of the Gospel and our testimonies burn brightly. When we fall away from meetings and association with the members who are active, we become cold towards the Gospel, even as the coals become cold when they are away from the warmth of the fire.

The way we get back into activity and gain strong testimonies of the Gospel is by working in the Church and through attendance at Church meetings. Thereby do we serve our Heavenly Father as he intends we should.

Sometimes people have told me they are too busy to accept an assignment in the Church. If this is so, then they are too busy with the wrong things. Others have said they are not active because their feelings have been hurt by something someone has said or done to them. If we have been offended or insulted, let us recall the message of the Saviour to his apostles when he told them that they should forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven. Each of us is imperfect, and we must overlook slights and unkind experiences for the sake of remaining faithful members of the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

Keep your testimonies strong by service in the Church, attendance at meetings, and association with the members. Be humble and prayerful. Ever learn more of the truth, and keep a forgiving heart.

President and Sister Howard C. Badger

Let there be Light

"Let there be light," The Father said.
He saw the light that it was good.
The whole earth blossomed in its warmth,
A garden grew where Adam stood.
Men loved the light in early times,
And loved their God from whence it came,
But sin and evil conquered some.
Who sought the dark to hide their shame.
Thus, through the deeds of fallen men.
In time the earth grew dim and cold,
But some there were who kept the faith.
Their words have left us wealth untold.

"I am the light," the Saviour said,
"The truth, the way, come follow me."
He came to save the sin-dark world,
From shame and fear, to set men free;
Yet only few would hear his word;
The mob with hatred blinded still.
Crucified him on the hill.
The light he left still shines for us,
Renewed in these, the latter days.
The same sweet brilliance known of old,
For all who seek its healing rays.

"We'll share the light," the Saints now say,
"With other pilgrims on life's road."
It's up to us to seek them out,
To help bear their heavy load.
Stretch out our hands for friendship's sake
Where ere a wanderer seeks the light
That he may feel the wondrous glow
The gospel brings, so warm and bright,
Oh Father, may we ever strive
To bring these precious souls to thee
That they and we may some day dwell
With thee through all eternity.

Doris B. Fripp

Share the Gospel

by Daniel M. Jones

. Transvaal Zone Leader

THE following is an excerpt from a talk in General Conference, April, 1966, by Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles:

"We learned many lessons from the visitors at the Mormon Pavilion in New York City . . . they will help to bring into reality one of the requests of our Prophet President, David O. McKay. He requested that every member be a missionary and that **each member bring one or more persons into the Church each year.**

The Lord said in modern revelations, "Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor." (D&C 88:81)

"I have asked hundreds of members if they would like to bring someone into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and each said, 'Yes', but year after year passes, and they do not accomplish their desire. Only a small percentage of the Saints bring one or more converts into the Church each year. We have more than one million possible members who would like to help in reaching and teaching their friends, who would like to bring someone into the Church each year."

I think this helps to see the great scope of this programme that has come to us through revelation — from a living prophet! How wonderful it would be if through our efforts **one million** people were to join the Church in the next twelve months.

Most of us realize that it is a commandment for us to share the gospel with our friends, and most of us have sincerely tried; but for one reason or another we just haven't been too successful. Perhaps it would help if we were a little more familiar with the reason behind having "Every Member a Missionary".

I am now going to quote from a publication from the North British Mission:

"We were called and set apart as missionaries in order that the Kingdom of God might flourish greater and greater until it shall 'fill the whole earth'. We are engaged in many activities but generally they may be classified into three categories:

1. Contacting.
2. Teaching.
3. Baptizing.

"We spend the greatest amount of our time engaged in the first pursuit. We tract, survey, have street meetings, and do many other things to find people to teach. However, our time on the whole is spent in comparatively unproductive effort. **We are not effective contactors.** The reasons for this are many; among them is the fact that we are foreigners and in effect, are guests in this ancient land. We speak a different dialect, we are not accustomed to the local way of life, we are strangers, and we generally are classified as just another group of door-to-door canvassers who are plainly a bother to ordinary living people.

"When it comes to the second category, however, we are classified as professionals. We spend two or more hours a day perfecting our ability to teach. We memorize scriptures, the discussions, and other important details. We practise our speaking and communicating talents and in a

matter of a few short months after arriving in the mission field we can be classed as quite proficient teachers of the gospel.

"On the other hand, **the members who live locally can be very efficient at contacting** but are usually willing to leave the technical teaching to us. They live here and associate daily among the very people with whom we want to meet and get acquainted, but on the whole the local members for the Church are quite willing to turn the teaching responsibility over to us, the missionaries.

"... When we do teach principles of contacting and establish lines of communication and correlation between the missionaries and members, then the Kingdom will grow as it never has before."

The spirit of this method of helping the Kingdom to grow is in the world and Satan knows the potential of it much better than we do. Therefore, He will make every effort to discourage the Saints from being effective contactors and the missionaries from being effective teachers.

Our responsibility, then, is to meet this challenge and live this commandment of the Lord. There are many concrete ways in which we can do this; and the best thing of all is that **sharing the gospel is fun!**

The following statistics from Elder Mark E. Petersen are very interesting: Generally there are four types of referrals:

1. A contact is referred without the use of the name of the person making the referral.
One in fifteen baptized — six per cent.
2. The missionaries are allowed to use the name of the person making the referral:
One in eight baptized— twelve per cent.
3. The person making the referral invites the contact into his home to meet the missionaries.
One in three baptized — thirty-four percent.
4. The person making the referral invites the contact to church as his guest then invites him into his home to meet the missionaries for the discussions.
One in two baptized — fifty percent.

Ways to Share the Gospel

HOW	to/for WHOM	WHEN	WHERE
Live the gospel	(for example)	all the time	everywhere
Ask the Golden Questions	friends, shop-owners, teachers, acquaintances	anytime	anywhere
Give a Book of Mormon	relatives, friends, business associates	birthdays, following a religious discussion, anytime	anywhere
Bring someone to church	school friend, relative, anyone	Share the Gospel, MIA, anytime	chapel
Send in a referral card	anyone who answers yes to the Golden Questions	anytime (at least once a week)	to local missionaries or to Mission Home
Take someone to a Missionary Fireside	anyone	find out from local missionaries	chapel
Invite someone to see missionary films in your home	anyone you know respects your belief	anytime — arrange with local missionaries (have at least one a month)	your home
Have "Meet the Mormons" book on display	everyone	all of the time	home, business

Sharing the gospel is fun! Make it a part of your daily routine.

Members get to know the missionaries and missionaries get to know the members. Share your testimonies and encourage one another. Every Member a Missionary is a commandment from the Lord — He will help us to do our part.

I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.

1Nephi 3:7

TV — A Tool

by Elder Louis A. Moffitt
District Leader of Rhodesia

WHEN I arrived here in Bulawayo, the work of the Elders here was far from "booming", and my companion, Elder Easterbrook, and I found the work anything but encouraging. The people of Bulawayo, it seemed, knew very little about the Church, except about our having three or four wives. Well, I had been here for about two weeks when we received a letter from a Rabbi Cassell asking us if two representatives from the "Mormons" would appear on the television programme, "Insight." After receiving President Snow's approval, the date was set for April 16.



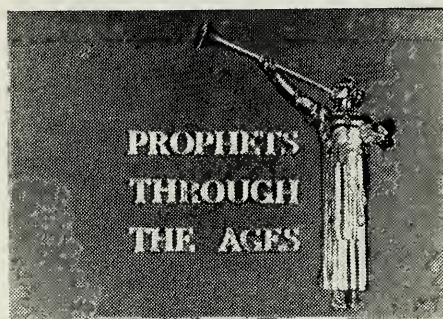
The programme lasted for one-half hour during which time Elder Stutznegger and I answered questions that were asked us by a panel of three prominent citizens of Bulawayo.

In my opinion, the effects of this programme on the missionary work in this area has been tremendous. In fact, there was a lady who phoned the studio and asked if the "Mormon Elders" could come around to her home and speak further with her. Also, in our daily tracting I found that the people have become far more friendly and willing to talk to us than ever before. The percentage of people who let us into their homes to hear our message has increased from between three and five percent each day to between twenty-five and thirty-one percent. When I first arrived here, we were holding about one or two cottage meetings per week. Now the number is up to approximately four or five meetings per week. And I am now teaching some people who are very good prospects for the waters of baptism.

To sum it up, I would say that our appearance on television and its effect as a missionary tool was just what the city of Bulawayo needed. The people are much more friendly towards us and the Church in general. It has most definitely given our work here in Bulawayo the much needed boost, which only something such as this could give it.

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A Cottage Meeting Film



Title picture.

ONE of the most effective missionary tools is that of the slide film. In fact, it is so effective that the missionaries have been advised to use the film in almost every case before teaching the regular lessons. In the first place the film serves as an introduction to the Church — and to the missionaries, and in the second place it is an outstanding interest promoter. For these reasons, when you invite the missionaries into your home to meet some of your best

friends or relatives and to explain the Gospel to them, if the situation is at all suitable, they will show a film.

Up until the visit of Brother Mark E. Petersen in November and December of 1965, the missionaries had only one slide-film in their possession, "What is a Mormon?" Since that time several others have been added to their album, "A Century of Mormonism in South Africa", a South African version of "What is a Mormon?" "Early Empires of Ancient America", and "The Mormon Pavilion". Just recently a fifth film has been introduced in Southern Africa.

"Have you ever wondered why there are so many churches in the world today, and why their teachings are so different? Who among all of them doth speak among men for God? Only the voices of the prophets can tell us. Let us hear what they have said in generations past, and let us hear what they say today." Thus begins the dialogue of "Prophets Through the Ages".

The film then continues with the story of the creation, "In the beginning . . . Thus Adam and Eve, the first parents, began the generation of mankind.

"And God chose from among men prophets to receive his commandments, teach wisdom, and have power to act in his name . . . Thus the prophets spoke and acted for God in his dealings with all the people of the earth.

"And the prophets of God were commanded to write the things which were revealed unto them . . ."

Moses was one of these ancient prophets who received revelation and wrote it down. He ordained Joshua to continue after him. "And thus there were prophets in ancient time so that the people might know the will of God."

Isaiah and Ezekial were among these prophets as well. Isaiah prophesied of the coming of the Saviour. Ezekial prophesied of two records to come forth telling of God's dealings with his people. One was to be a record of Judah: the Bible. The other was the "Stick of Joseph". "Where is this record, and why are the voices of it's prophets withheld from us?" The story of Lehi and the Book of Mormon then answers this question.

Including in the story related of the Book of Mormon is an account of the life of the Saviour in Jerusalem and the establishment of his church with apostles and prophets, as well as his appearance to the people in the

new world. In Jerusalem he said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Approximately 400 years after the Saviour's visit to the people in the new world, God called a prophet among them by the name of Mormon. Because of the wickedness of the people, "Mormon was commanded of the Lord to gather unto one place the records of his people . . . These records were an abridgment of all happenings since Lehi left Jerusalem, ten centuries before."

Moroni, Mormon's son, finished the record and "prophesied that in the latter days in the wisdom of the Lord this record would come forth from it's burial place, a witness that Jesus Christ did visit the ancient inhabitants of this land and that they were the other sheep of whom he had spoken." Then Moroni buried the record in the hill Cumorah, "Thus the Stick of Joseph was to lay silent . . . and stilled were the voices of the prophets."

At this point the film focuses on the Eastern Hemisphere during a contemporary period. It explains that after Christ's crucifixion the apostles were killed and the Church, as established by the Saviour, was destroyed. Then other churches began, which took the name of Christianity, but changed the doctrines. Finally, with hundreds of churches, the doctrines of God were replaced by the teachings of man.

"But the heavens were not to be forever closed. As the Saviour and his apostles had foretold the downfall of the Church, also did they prophesy that prophets would once more be called in the latter days. And so it came to pass . . ."

In the spring of 1820, Joseph Smith was visited by the Father and Son. Later he was visited by Moroni, who showed him the records which when translated became known as the Book of Mormon, a record of the ancient inhabitants of America, descendants of Joseph, hence, the Stick of Joseph. The Book of Mormon, as a companion volume to the Bible, "testifies that God lives, and that he speaks unto one nation as another."

Other heavenly messengers came as well. John the Baptist came and



Moses writing God's word.



Christ ordains Apostles.



Moroni and Gold Plates.

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A MISSION AND ME



EDITOR'S NOTE: It is the desire of a great and increasing number of the youth of the Church in Southern Africa to fill full-time missions. Their love of the Gospel can be measured by their desire to share it with others. The following expressions were written by two of our young people between the ages of 12 and 21 at the request that they write on the topic, "Why and how I'm preparing for a mission."

IN recent years a message from the First Presidency has come very forcibly that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must fill the earth in this last dispensation of time. Who, where, and how does this urgent request begin to be realized? It begins, of course, with those who have the gospel to impart, not only in word, but in deed, to his or her neighbour, the people next door, your co-workers or any friends.

No sooner had the Church been restored and organized than Joseph Smith appointed missionaries to go out to the different states, Britain, the Continent and many isles of the sea. Since then, this missionary system has grown to be the finest in the world, and I would like to have a part in it.

I have thought how blessed I am to have been born a Latter-day Saint and to have been taught who I am, what my relationship to our Heavenly Father and Jesus is, and what the great purpose of life is.

How can I keep these beautiful truths to myself? How can I best impart them to my fellowmen? Only by preparing and going on an organized full-time mission and presenting the gospel in a proper and skilful manner.

Like in everything else, there must be money available, so I must try to build a savings account, learn well at school, take every opportunity of learning the gospel, and build a testimony of the divine origin of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

My wish is to serve a mission overseas in France, a country from where some of my ancestors have come, or Switzerland, where I could go to the Temple and receive blessings, especially my Patriarchal Blessing.

I know that a mission is not easy, but as my sister and many missionaries have told me, it is a wonderful experience as one grows so close to God, and the joy of true and humble service strengthens one's testimony. Happiness is truly rich when a soul is brought to the waters of baptism, and satisfaction is great if only in sowing the seeds of divine truth.

If this should be the only service I could give, I think it is a great and good one.

Shirley Cecile van Staden,
Pretoria.

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I WISH to serve the Lord. And what better way can I do this than by going on a mission, serving in His vineyard and helping to gather the fruit that is ripe? In the Doctrine and Covenants, section 18, verse 16, we read:

"And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!"

When I hear a returned missionary tell us of the wonderful experiences he has had, the wonderful people he has met, and the wonderful feeling

he gets when his first convert is baptized, I feel I would like to have the same experiences, and not just hear about them.

There are so many people in the world without the Gospel that the few I convert by being a good example is insufficient. By dedicating two years of my life to missionary work, I feel I can so further the Lord's work on earth much more effectively.

By preparing myself for a mission, mentally, physically and spiritually. I will find myself nearer to attaining that goal at the end of the road of life, which is the attainment of the Celestial Kingdom.

Suzzane Hutton.
Pretoria.

SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION NEWS

General Authority to Come

THE South African Mission is soon to be visited again by a general authority. This time Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve will be returning to tour our mission. His last visit was in November and December of 1965. Since that time we have been visited by Elder James A. Cullimore, the newest Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and Area Supervisor with Elder Petersen over the British Isles Missions and the South African Mission.

Elder Petersen will be here in September for a period of between ten days, and two weeks. At that time he will make a tour of the Mission, stopping at least once in every district. While he is in Africa, we are hoping to witness the dedication of three chapels, Salisbury, Klerksdorp, and Welkom. MRJ

A NEW COTTAGE FILM (Continued from page 177)

restored the authority by which he had baptized the Saviour. Peter, James, and John, the ancient apostles, came and restored the authority of their apostleship, which had been bestowed upon them by Christ himself.

"The prophet Joseph Smith, now having the authority of the Priesthood of God, and under the direction of the Saviour himself, restored the Church of Jesus Christ as it had been in ancient times . . . Because the Church was restored in these latter days, the Saviour instructed him to call it the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

"The significance of it's message is that God has spoken through prophets in our time for our blessing.

"Let us quote David O. McKay, [the prophet at the head of the Church], who gives this testimony, 'With the prophet Joseph Smith, I do solemnly testify that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, that the living Christ is at it's head. His plan is mankind's anchor, and his gospel is the surest, the safest guide for individuals and for nations.'"

The effectiveness of this film is demonstrated in the direct manner in which it explains the history of God's dealings with men. It is only reasonable that God would speak to man today as he has in the past, and it is only reasonable that his message would be the same today as it was in the time of Jesus Christ. Thus, the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as portrayed in this film is both reasonable and inviting. "It is the same message as given by the prophets through the ages." MRJ

FROM OVERSEAS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since most of the members in the South African Mission were brought into the Church through the efforts of missionaries sent from overseas, it is only natural that they have the desire to send the Gospel message overseas from their own shores. This desire is being fulfilled today by several South African missionaries serving in foreign missions. The following articles have been taken from letters written in response to a request asking for each particular missionary's expression regarding one of the following topics: My feeling towards missionary work, or, An inspirational experience in missionary work. Each missionary's contribution is listed under the address of his mission.

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I LOVE being on a mission and have really learned to love our Heavenly Father and his Son more and more each day.

The Gospel is beautiful, and precious, and true. Without it, life is an empty shell. My love for people has grown. Have you ever thought how sad it would be when we all stand before God with the knowledge of our pre-existence, knowing that we walked and talked with Him, and then having the regret of not being able to live once more in His presence? I shudder at the thought, and it really inspires me to go out and find the honest and sincere in heart. All of our Heavenly Father's children are dear to him. Can you imagine how His heart aches when we are disobedient, for like a loving father, He has given us commandments to protect us and to guide us back to Him.

It is my prayer that we will all strive to serve the Lord with all our hearts, minds and strength. After all, He asks so little in return for all that He has done for us, and still does. That is, that we love Him, and if we love our Heavenly Father, we will serve Him and keep his commandments. I know that if we behave as though He were standing right here with us always, we would come closer to Him. Remember, "every member a missionary."

Sister Patricia L. Pyle

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MISSIONARY work can best be compared to the work of a salesman. Just as a salesman has to introduce and sell a new and better article, so we have to introduce the Gospel into the lives of the Dutch people, exchanging it for a little effort in the form of study, prayer, and living the commandments. Now like in all other business deals, both parties have to derive some benefit for the contract.

The people receive the Gospel of Christ, or a set of rules to live

by, which, if applied correctly, can change and reform their characters, bringing perfection, in which state they can enter the Kingdom of God. Having such a goal to work for, their lives become purposeful, and as they continuously apply the commandments, they gain a sure conviction or testimony, joy, and a deep inner satisfaction. Purpose, joy, and a sure testimony are the fruits of progression, some of man's greatest spiritual needs.

This is also true for missionaries.

These very things motivate and keep them doing the things they were called to do. I wish I could explain to you the joy, love, and spiritual growth we experience in growing close to the people while we teach and watch them grow in the gospel. Apart from these great experiences, so much more is gained in experience, in working with people, in knowledge of the gospel,

a new language, self-control, etc.

A mission is no sacrifice, it is one of the biggest opportunities for growth and development a young person could wish for.

Finally, missionary work is vital, for only the gospel can save man from his headlong rush into degeneration and moral decay and insure salvation in the world to come.

Elder Gerald de Wet

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"I know that God lives and that Christ is the Redeemer of the world, and I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God." These are the words that come from the lips of 14,000 young men and women all over the world every day. These are the words that make the Rock, that Nebuchadnezzar saw, grow in size every day.

Why did I come on a mission? The forth section of the Doctrine and Covenants answers this question, better than I can. All we have to do is look into the world to see how white the field is in reality. Then, at the same time, we can also see how few the labourers are.

"Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen? Because their hearts are so set upon the things of this world, or upon the things of the world to come . . ." (D&C 121:34-35) Are our hearts set upon the things of this world, or upon the things of the world to come?

Just think of that wonderful promise given us: "And if it be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father." (D&C 18:15)

This is how we can make our election sure, and that is how I plan to do it. I wish that the young people in the Church would seriously think about going on a mission, because there is no greater blessing that can come your way.

Elder Alexander Comrie

Scottish Mission
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Scotland.

What great faith the Lord has in us to allow us, his children, in our state of imperfection to proclaim to the world the restoration of his gospel in this, the last dispensation.

Alma the younger, in the Book of Mormon, had a great desire to preach the gospel when he said, "O, that I were an angel, and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth and cry repentance unto every people." (Alma 29:1)

This indeed is our calling as mis-

sionaries and ambassadors of God, to cry repentance unto the people.

I have come to learn that people are not converted to the Church by gaining an intellectual testimony, but only by humbly asking the Lord in sincere prayer if the message we bear is true and thereby gaining a priceless spiritual testimony of the gospel, which, if cultivated, can lead them to an eternity of happiness with God.

As missionaries we are kingdom builders. To be a successful subcontractor to God in this important project we have to school our-

selves to teach and testify with the spirit. The Lord said in section 42 of the Doctrine and Covenants, verse 14:

"And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach."

If we do not teach, then it is logical to assume that we will not baptize. If we fail to baptize, we fail as kingdom builders, or in other words, we are breaking our contract with the Lord.

I sincerely pray that we will all go forward and teach by the spirit, remembering the priceless value of our testimonies.

I am indeed thankful to the Lord for this wonderful opportunity he has blessed me with to be here in Scotland as a missionary. I love the work and my testimony of the gospel grows every day.

May I in closing say to the Saints, "Without your support, we, as missionaries, cannot be effective."

Elder Brian Miller

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I feel very humble in having the opportunity of serving the Lord. I love the work dearly and feel it an honour to be in this great land of Scotland among the wonderful Scottish people.

One of the greatest spiritual experiences I have had was recently baptizing a young couple, the husband being my age, and the wife younger. It is really gratifying to see that there are young people in the world who are willing to accept the truth when it is presented to them. After two months solid of tracting here in Kirkcaldy, we contacted the Summers on a Saturday morning. They were the first receptive people we had met here. After the first discussion, Brother Summers offered a tremendous prayer. From then on, he and his wife took turns in offering the prayers. They attended church regularly, lived the Word of Wisdom, and accepted the Law of Tithing. Two weeks before he was baptized, Brother Summers told everyone he was a Mormon. He was baptized a week before his wife. At first she would not be baptized because of tremendous social pressure, especially from her mother, who didn't want her to join the Church. The Thursday after he was baptized, and after much fasting and prayer, we challenged her again for baptism. She was really touched by the Spirit of the Lord, and was baptized two days later. I had the privilege of blessing their son the following Sunday. It is nearly impossible to describe the change in their lives and how much joy the gospel has brought to them.

I know that the work we are engaged in is the work of the Lord, and I would like to encourage every one of you to assist the missionaries as much as possible in building up the Kingdom of God here upon the earth.

Elder Harold K. Elliot

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Walmley, Sutton Coldfield,
Warwickshire, England.

I love my mission. I know that the work I am engaged in is building the Kingdom of God. I know that He directs and guides this work. I love being able to share the Gospel with others, to see them progress, but most of all to share the joy they experience as they slowly gain a testimony.

There are times of frustration and

depression when people fail to recognize the importance of our message, when it seems as though we labour in vain and the insults we have to endure seem too much to suffer in silence, but the rewards of this work compensate for such times. I wish each member of the Church could experience that "filled to overflowing" feeling when an

atheist kneels beside you and asks God to help him believe, then one month later to hear him bear humble and sincere testimony on the day he is ordained a deacon.

I am thrilled that the Lord has given me the opportunity of having such great spiritual experiences. I am so happy to be doing this work of bringing my brothers and sisters to a knowledge of the purpose of life.

Each of us, as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, is under contract to our Master Builder to build strong the Kingdom of God by dedicating ourselves completely to this work.

I love my missionary work for the opportunity it provides me of showing my love for my God and for my fellowmen.

Sister Pamela J. Cerff

British South Mission,
280 The Meadway, Tilehurst,
Reading, Berkshire,
England.

When I first came on a mission I had not thought too much about it and what kind of work it would be. As a result of this, during part of my fourteen-hour flight, I began thinking about it, and I realized that I was not just on another pleasure cruise or just doing another job, but that I was on a special mission, putting behind me all my previous life and almost starting anew! My wonderings and thoughts were confirmed as I was set apart for my mission and told of my duties and callings as a missionary. Even more wonderful was my experience of going through the Temple and learning more about our purpose here on this earth and what we are striving for.

I would like to stress the importance of the statement, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." While tracting one day, we knocked on a door and a young lady answered. After our introduction she said, "My husband would like to see you." On returning we went inside and talked. He told us that a few years previously he had been thumbing his way across the United States and at one time a big convertible had picked him up. He learned from the driver that he was a "Mormon" and was told a bit about the Church. This man was so impressed by his friendliness and "good works" that now, some four years later, he wanted to know more about it. So you see the importance of even a casual meeting on the road. Everyone should strive to do their best at all times, and remember, "An obstacle is something you've become when you take your eyes off the goal you have been trying to reach."

Elder Tim Powrie

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cumorah's Message of You

Elder Michael R. Jolley, Section Editor

SALISBURY

Aaronic Priesthood Sponsors Dance

Reported by Jean Bean

THE Salisbury saints were overjoyed at the surprise visit made to MIA by President Badger and Elder Call on Friday night, May 26.

On Saturday night, May 27, a very large gathering of saints assembled in the cultural hall to meet and chat with President Badger. During the evening the Frost family sang "Chariots a-Comin", and then Sister Eileen van Zyl played several delightful piano pieces.

On Sunday, May 28, the Salisbury Saints had the pleasure of welcoming and meeting with Sister Eleanor Badger, who had arrived late on Saturday evening to join President Badger.

The Relief Society Sisters were thrilled to have the pleasure of meeting with Sister Badger after Sunday School. During the meeting, Sister June and Beverly Frost sang "My Testimony", after which several testimonies were borne.

Sister Eleanor Badger then addressed the sisters and said how touched she had been hearing "My Testimony" sung so beautifully, especially since it had been written by an aunt of hers!

Sister Badger also told the sisters of the hard work, careful thought, and planning that went into the selection of the lessons for Relief Society and conveyed love and greetings from the General Board of Relief Society in Salt Lake.

The fund-raising project for May was given and organized solely by the Aaronic Priesthood, who very ambitiously decided to hold a dance.

Mothers made dozens of cakes for the successful cake sale which the Aaronic Priesthood boys held to raise funds for a band, and the cultural hall was exquisitely decorated by Brother Colin Corbett, Gavin, Schonberg and John Swalwell with streamers of blue and silver. The dance was attended by about seventy people, 16 of whom were visitors or friends. During the evening there were several novelty dances, the Madison, and an Elimination dance. Refreshments were served and the young deacons acted as waiters. The whole evening was a great success, and a substantial amount was raised for the building fund.

MIA has again been busy during May. A play is being produced and speech training classes have begun. Volley-ball games are being played regularly every Saturday afternoon with very good attendances and usually with six or more investigators or friends joining in as well. A new grass volley-ball court is also being prepared.

Primary is forging ahead. Teachers and children are busy practising for their "Primary Family Hour" to be held in June.

Visited by Mission President

Reported by Dawn Owen

MAY 24 saw the gathering of the saints and many friends in our beautiful chapel to meet with President Badger. We were indeed glad to meet with this inspired leader, and we are looking forward to meeting Sister Badger at a future date. President Badger was accompanied by Elder Call, Elder George and Elder Smith. The latter two will labour in Bulawayo.

Two future Priesthood holders were added to a jubilant branch this month. Congratulations to Brother and Sister Walter Jubber on the birth of their first son, Walter Brigham, born May 18. A fourth child was born to Brother and Sister Robert Roy. He is Robert John, and was born May 31.

All functions came to a standstill during May as three families

vacationed in Durban. However, we hope to commence activities again as they have all returned, fit and healthy. They send their love to the Durban branch for the kindness shown to them during their stay.

Bulawayo Branch, although depleted, celebrated a beautiful Mother's Day with posies, and were inspired by a talk given by Sister Judith Jubber.

Sister Daphne Scarff was presented with a Children's Friend certificate for obtaining 75% subscriptions for Primary.

Visitors during May were Brother and Sister Trollip from East London, Brother and Sister Crankshaw from Salisbury, Sister Cooksley from Pretoria, and Sister Nolte now returned to Bedford in the Cape.

PRETORIA

Gets New MIA Leaders

Reported by Anna Muller

THIS month we had to say good-bye to two of our families. The Berghoff family has returned to Natal, and although they have only been members for a few months, they have proved their worth and we have come to love them. One of our staunchest families, Brother and Sister Allcock and Patty, has left for Sierra Leone where Brother Allcock has taken up his duties at his new post at the British Embassy. The latest news is that they have settled down quite nicely despite the extreme heat.

On May 7, Brother Ben de Wet blessed little Jo-Anne Wilben.

Congratulations to Cecelia Hutton, who has been sustained at Young Women's MIA President, and to Brother John Comrie, who has been sustained as Young Men's MIA Superintendent.

May 5 was a great day for the Carters, when little Babette, who had only just recovered from a serious attack of diphtheria was baptized on her birthday by Brother Fanie Terblanche.

The Transportation Frolic held at Pretoria on May 19 was a great success. The decorations were outstanding, with a genuine robot and a vintage car included.

The picnic planned at the Fountains Valley for the Republic Day holiday had to be cancelled because of the rain, but it did not dampen the spirits of the members, who still had a good time making pancakes and playing games at the cultural hall.

Hosts Visiting Leaders

Reported by Felicity Schroeder

ON the first Sunday of the month, we were privileged to have our Mission President, President Badger, and our District President, President Powrie, other members of the District Council, Sister van Staden from the District Primary, and Brother and Sister Hugo from the District Sunday School, share in our Sunday School and Testimony Meeting. These leaders certainly helped to add to the spirit of our meetings.

The Primary Sisters have been

very busy making koeksusters to sell to the members in the Branch, as well as cakes for cake sales. This is all in aid of the building fund.

Brother and Sister Theunissen and their son have moved to Germiston, and they will be with us for seven months—they have moved up from Cape Town. Brother Mallie and Sister Elsa Willson have also been with us this past month. We hope that they will enjoy their stay in our branch.

VEREENIGING

Stages Apron Parade

Reported by Lynette I. Roberts

THIS month has seen a few changes in our branch as new officers and teachers have been sustained in MIA. The Scout Movement has started in full force, and the boys are full of that wonderful commodity — enthusiasm. The attendance, on the whole, is very encouraging, and the MIA Presidency has gone to a lot of effort to arrange interesting programmes for the future. They are also busy rehearsing a play for August, which promises to be very entertaining.

The Relief Society has enjoyed another month of wonderful lessons and demonstrations with good attendance, considering the cold weather we have had. The Literature lesson was exceptionally good, as we had a wonderful recording of the Tabernacle Choir, singing "Lead Kindly Light". The sisters rounded off the half year with an "Apron Parade" with the whole branch invited to participate. This was taken up by the men, who stole the show with their aprons. Brother McKnight won a prize, amidst much laughter, for the most serviceable apron. The Singing Mothers rendered the song, "Sweet and Low", under the direction of Sister Roberts; and Brother Eben Slabbert showed films. Delicious refreshments were served by Sister Elaine Sheasby.

A fireside was held at the home of Brother and Sister McKnight on May 27 and virtually the whole branch attended. The evening started off with a braaivleis, which was followed by games. Eventually, the rain chased them inside, where questions were asked in regard to how much was known of the officers of the MIA and their duties.

The Firelights in Primary held their Parent Demonstration on Sunday, May 28. The parents were very impressed at the confidence and knowledge of the gospel the girls have attained through their lessons. The Firelights have truly brought joy into their parents' lives, and were perfect little hostesses.

We congratulate Sister Yvonne Hees, who was baptized at the beginning of May, and we wish her every happiness and joy in her progression in the gospel. Our apologies to Brother and Sister Young and family for not having welcomed them sooner into the branch. We also welcome

Sister Penelope Gilroy and Sister Marion Patterson as teacher and secretary, respectively, in the Primary. The Sunday School on Mother's Day was unforgettable, and the children brought many a tear to the eyes of their parents. How true it is when Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of God."

RAMAH II

Reorganizes MIA

Reported by Hope Minné

MIA in Ramah II has undergone a complete change of officers and teachers during the past month, and with the exception of one or two old stalwarts, who have been re-instated, we have an entirely new face. Andy Morrison is the new Superintendent of YMMIA, and his wife, Carole, is the new President of YWMIA. It would take too much space to detail all the new officers and teachers concerned in the reshuffle, but it suffices to say that with this new team as its foundation, we are ready to go forward to great achievements, and with the help of the Lord, we shall succeed.

Sister Britz and her daughter have come to settle in Johannes-

burg from Zambia, and we give them a warm welcome to our branch and hope they will be happy with us. Sister Britz is Brother Johann Brummer's sister.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Swart on the birth of a lovely daughter.

Relief Society is now in recess, except for the second Tuesday in the month. Before closing, however, we had another most interesting visit by the ladies of the Meat Board, who showed us how to bone joints, and it was certainly an eye-opener to all who were there to find how easy it is to change the face of a joint and make it really interesting.

KRUGERSDORP

Witnesses Engagement and Marriage

Reported by Sheila Bibb

MAY 14 was a day of special programmes: Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration in Priesthood class Sunday morning, a beautiful Mother's Day programme in Sunday School, and a Sacrament Service consisting of nine speakers portraying mothers ancient and modern in the evening.

We welcome Elders Bateman and Orth to Krugersdorp and hope their stay here will be a happy and fruitful one.

We congratulate Elaine Bibb, who was baptized on her birthday, May 16.

We extend best wishes to Noeline Killain and Peter de Klerk, who were married on May 17.

A bioscope show was held on June 2 in aid of the Sunday School Christmas Tree Fund. The double feature provided was enjoyed by all who attended.

We congratulate Harlan Doller and Carol Coetzee, who announced their engagement June 3.

TV A TOOL (Continued from page 175)

I feel that wherever and whenever Elders can get on television or radio, it would very much be to the advantage of the work. Not only is it a means of delivering the basic message of "Mormonism" to far more people than would receive it by door to door tractng, but the people of the area then know that it is really "Mormons" who have come to their door to spend a few minutes and not someone else.

Scouts Participate in Hike

Reported by Valerie Keuning

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Brother and Sister Richard Dallsdorf on the birth of their daughter, Rhona Ann, on May 14. What a lovely present for Sister Ansie to receive on Mother's Day!

A lovely Mother's Day programme was held on Sunday morning with five talks by branch members, and also one by our Branch President.

The Young Marrieds gathered at the home of President and Sister Douglas Hulbert on Saturday, May 20, for a pancake evening. Everyone had lots of fun and a surprising number of pancakes was consumed!

On May 27, the Boy Scouts and their leader, Brother Bert Phillips, joined with the Springs district in a hike around Heidelberg Kloof.

Eleven boys were present and although tired at the end of the day, they all enjoyed themselves immensely.

Congratulations to the following officers who have been recently sustained in the Springs Branch: Sister Coral Phillips, Primary Mother, with Sister Sandra Adlard and Sister Valerie Keuning as her counsellors; Sister Rose-Marie Chapman as Junior Sunday School Co-ordinator, and Brother Cedric Mew as an Assistant in the Sunday School Superintendency; Brother Anthony Storror as a counsellor in the YMMIA; Brother Les. Adlard as Priesthood Group Leader; and Brother Martin Keuning as Assistant Branch Clerk. Thanks go to all those whom we released for the fine work they have done.

WITBANK

Membership Dwindles

Reported by Victor Bantjes

THIS has certainly been a month full of surprises and disappointments. First, the Home Teachers went to Belfast to see the de Wet family, who are still strong in the Gospel. But the poor Home Teachers had two flat tyres, one going there and another coming back. So they arrived home well after midnight.

Then the biggest disappointment has been the sudden departure of the McKnight family to Johannesburg. They have been the centre of our branch, and we have grown to love them deeply. What they have done for Witbank Branch will always be appreciated, and we wish them the Lord's blessings in their new home.

Our future looks bleak here. Wouldn't some good saints like to come to the fastest growing town in the republic?

MOWBRAY

Enjoys Mother's Day Programme

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

CONGRATULATIONS seem to be the order of the month. First of all, there was the birth of another little son to Brother Win-

ston and Sister Barbara MacKinnon.

Then came the news that Sister Molly Gort had achieved honours in two sections at the Cape Eistedd-

fod. Molly was a topper in the pianoforte recital and in the sacred vocal solo section. The branch is really proud of this achievement.

Silver weddings always call for special felicitations. This time the honours go to Brother Frank and Sister Ivy Fourie, who celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on May 23. A happy gathering of friends at their home did full justice to the occasion. Sister Cynthia Steen-Nielssen and her husband celebrated their thirty-eighth anniversary on the same date. Well-wishers look forward to attending a couple of golden wedding anniversaries in the future.

Mother's Day — the little phrase always sets a glow in the hearts of the members, because such "homey" programmes are arranged for the occasion. On May 14, a very sweet presentation of "How we can make each day Mother's Day" filled us with joy. The little ones sang their

songs and said their pieces beautifully. The very tiny ones presented the mothers with buttonholes of white carnations, beautifully arranged with fern and tulle. Solos by Sister Nelly Geldenhuys and Sister Molly Gort were delightful to hear.

From Canada comes the news of the engagement of Sister Dianne Todd. Congratulations to the happy pair.

The Relief Society Visiting Teachers had their annual get-together on May 22. This time they went to the Odeon to see a revival of the Nelson Eddy film, "The Chocolate Soldier". It was a musical treat. Even a few husbands who went "Dutch" agreed on this point.

Welcome back to Brother Michael Terblanche who has returned from Military Service.

Visitors this month were Brother and Sister Daubney from Bloemfontein.

EAST LONDON

Chapel Burgled

Reported by Naomi Raubenheimer

THE month of May saw two burglaries at the chapel. Both times the large window in the baptism room was broken and chairs and tables stolen. Brother Raubenheimer, at the request of President Krull, set about making burglar proofing for both this and the lounge window, which looks most attractive and, we hope, will act as a deterrent to any potential burglars.

On May 13, a film evening was held. Two travel films and two church films were shown and all were enjoyed by those present.

A very interesting fireside was held on May 21, at which the long-playing record, "The Joseph Smith Story", was played. Everyone enjoyed the record and felt just a little more grateful to the Prophet Joseph Smith and those early pioneers who suffered so much in giving us the truth.

The MIA had a record attendance on Tuesday, May 30, when they held their Drama Festival. Seventy people, including six visitors, attended and saw three plays put on by the Adult, Boys', and Girls' classes, respectively. All three were excellent; but special mention must be made of the girls' costumes and of the excellent acting of Elizabeth Human. Between acts we were entertained by Sister Morine Puffett on the piano, and Brother Ralph Corrigan on the guitar with folk songs. Altogether, we had a very entertaining evening which, naturally, was rounded off with refreshments.

MIA Holds Dance

Reported by Beryl Soane

"TRANSPORTATION Frolic" was the theme of the dance organized by a hard-working group of young members of MIA, headed by Sorrel Jakins, Donald Wilson and Karen Henning. Talks on the origin and history of the theatre given by Grace Rawlings have added interest to recent MIA evenings, while the genealogical work lessons given by Brother Spear have also increased interest and attendance at MIA.

Pink and silver coloured the wedding of Natalie Fagan and Walter Fouche, which was witnessed by a large crowd of well-wishers. Natalie, who served a mission in South Africa, is from a family with faithful members since the early nineteen-thirties.

The engagement of President and Sister Randall's daughter, Susanne, to Michael Kelley was announced. The wedding is to take place on July 8.

Brother Peter Daubney, formerly of Bloemfontein, has brought his new bride with him to live in Durban. Brother and Sister Futter were smiling happily over the arrival of a baby daughter; and pleased grins were on the faces of

two young men in uniform who had managed to get home for a brief spell — Sheridan Jakins and "Chappie" Winstanley. Chappie's parents were delighted to hear that he had come out as top of the nine airmen selected from three hundred trainees to take a security officer's course.

The Aaronic Priesthood Quorums celebrated the restoration of the Priesthood by having a fathers' and sons' evening with a braaivleis.

Brother Spear was sustained to replace Malcolm Willson as counsellor in the Sunday School Superintendency. Sister Mary Wiblin, though still very active in Primary, as she has been for twenty-eight years, handed over the reins to the new Primary mother, Sister Mona Spear. Sister Violet Done, the new Relief Society President, has as her counsellors, Sister Nel and Sister Edna Joubert. All of these changes were due to the call of the "golden city", Johannesburg, to Durban members. Most recently departing for Johannesburg are Sister Robinson and her two daughters, Malcolm and Elsa Willson, "Jake" and Maureen de Wet, and Andrew Barrowman.

PIETERMARITZBURG

Celebrate Two Marriages

Reported by Connie de Bruin

MAY 24 was a big day in the lives of both Sister Emmy Herbst and the Maritzburg saints. The Relief Society Sisters catered for approximately 120 guests at Sister Herbst's wedding. The weather wasn't all a bride could wish for, but the chapel and the beautifully decorated hall were. The colour theme of the hall was blue and pink and this theme was carried out in both the table decorations and the flower arrangements. It was a lovely wedding, and the saints extend best wishes to Sister Emmy and her husband. Congratulations, as well, to Sister B. St. John-Ayre and her husband, who were married early in the month.

The Sunday School held a picnic on May 31 at Henley Dam about twelve miles out of Maritzburg. This is usually a very lovely spot, but on that day it was cold and overcast, and very windy. The saints braved the cold for about two hours. They then returned to the chapel and proceeded to have a wonderful time playing table tennis, tennis quoit and carpet

bowls; having a treasure hunt and going on a long hike. Lunch was eaten on the grounds while the sun was out, and everyone lazed on blankets and enjoyed the sun while they could.

The picnic rounded off with a warm drink and toasted buns.

BLOEMFONTEIN

To Play Basketball

Reported by Lida van der Leek

ALTHOUGH winter has really arrived in the Free State, the Branch activities are still going on as usual.

The Relief Society held a "so-satie bust" during the month, with a film show after. This being their closing function for the year, the whole branch turned up for the occasion, and made quick work of the twenty-five pounds of meat. The sisters also served hot soup and sandwiches. It can be safely said that the occasion was enjoyed by everyone.

The MIA is still having First Aid lectures, and will do so for another three weeks. On the whole, they have been well-attended. The members enjoy these lectures thoroughly, since there are times when they have a few good laughs.

The priesthood men are very busy with a big project at the moment. They are converting the old existing volleyball court to a basketball court. They are having work parties as often as possible. Thus, we have great hope of playing basketball in the spring.

WELKOM

Holds Branch Conference

Reported by Sister Gladys S. Wilford

THE main feature of the month of April was our project at the show. We had a foodstall to feed all the hungry showgoers. We learned a lot about the tastes of our fellowmen regarding food, and we hope to cater for all their peculiarities more adequately next year. We were, however very proud of our first effort, and we want to thank the wonderful Relief Society Sisters who worked like Trojans, ignoring sore legs, back-aches, headaches, and many other aches caused by working with the public.

The highlight of May was the Branch Conference. We would like to thank the Bloemfontein and Kimberley brothers and sisters, who came to Welkom, and especially President and Sister Badger and family, who came from Johannesburg. The Branch really looked forward to meeting our new Mission President and his lovely wife and family. The theme for the meeting was Relief Society and Primary. The talks on these subjects were very good, and we all enjoyed those rendered by President and Sister Badger and President Spear. In the morning the Primary children sang "Tell me the stories of Jesus", which softened many hearts. The Relief Society Singing Mothers sang, "Oh My Father" in the afternoon; on the whole it was a conference enjoyed by all.

Brother and Sister Futter have returned from leave, and Melanie Smith paid us a visit from Ramah.

Last and certainly not least, we had to say a sad farewell, firstly, to the Bricknell family, who were able to see the blessing of their grandson before leaving; and secondly, to the Grobelaar family. Both these families are going to be missed very much.

Transvaal Zone Convention

JUNE 28, thirty-one missionaries from all over the Transvaal gathered at Ramah to take part in the quarterly Transvaal Zone Missionary Convention. The theme of the convention was taken from the Doctrine and Covenant, section 107, verses 99 and 100:

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed in, all diligence.

He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so. Amen.

The programme began at 8.30 a.m. with a general meeting of all the missionaries, which was conducted by Elder Daniel M. Jones, Transvaal Zone Leader, and presided over by President Howard C. Badger. Both Elder Larry A. Rigby and Elder Thomas E. Ricks, Assistants to the Mission President, were in attendance.

After a welcome given by Elder Jones, the remainder of the four hour meeting was taken by talks given by nine speakers, two question-answer periods, and intermittent songs. All the speakers helped to develop the theme of the convention by speaking on such topics as: Why plan your day and how?, How to effectively plan a fireside, How to make missionary work productive, How to study, and How to pray.

The question answer periods were also directed to developing the theme of the convention. The first, conducted by Elder Robert K. Anger, Mission Secretary, dealt mainly with explanation of the weekly reports sent in by the missionaries. The second, conducted by Elder Douglas J. Bateman, West Rand District Leader, dealt mainly with proper procedures in performing Priesthood ordinances.

After the meeting, the Ramah II Relief Society prepared and served a spaghetti polanaise dinner with soup, hot rolls, punch, and fruit salad. In the past, the missionaries have either gone down town or to the Mission Home for their noon meal. Eating at the chapel, however, the missionaries were able to save time, transportation, confusion, and expense and at the same time satisfy their healthy appetites.

The afternoon was spent in playing four vigorous games of American football at Bezuidenhout Park. Each of four teams played two games, winners playing winners and losers playing losers until an overall team rating was decided.

Finally, after enjoying supper at the Mission Home, the convention closed with a testimony meeting in the living room. The missionaries first heard from Elder Ricks and Elder Rigby, then from President Badger, and finally from Elder Jones. Elder Ricks enumerated and explained six steps by which missionaries can receive and keep the Spirit with them continually. Elder Rigby accentuated the importance of spirituality and counselled the missionaries that it is the spirit in which they do the work that brings the results. Among the counsel given by President Badger was this statement, "We ought to do what we ought to do when we ought to do it."

As an intermediate number, Sister Carla Badger, and Elder Douglas Weise sang, "I'll walk with God."

The final minutes of the Zone Convention were taken in bearing testimonies. Several junior companies were asked to give their testimonies, and they were followed by three other missionaries who expressed themselves in Afrikaans. Thus, a convention designed to make the missionaries' work more effective ended with expressions of gratitude for the Gospel, and prayers for the Lord's help in accomplishing the great work of carrying it to the people of the South African Mission.

MRJ

S.A. Mission in News

IN three years' time we've seen, the attitude of the people of South Africa change for the better toward the Church and its programmes. The home evening programmes have had some effect in this," reported President J. Golden Snow, recently released as president of the South African Mission.

He was succeeded by President Howard C. Badger of Salt Lake City.

President and Sister Snow are returning to their farm in Taylor Stake at Raymond, Alberta, Canada, where they raise livestock and grain.

The Snows are looking forward to seeing their eighteenth grandchild. The seventeenth and eighteenth were born while the Snows were in South Africa.

"We feel wonderful about the Church and its growth in South Africa," he exclaimed. "Our people are enjoying membership and work in the Church. South Africans are a gracious people. We feel the government has been very sympathetic to our people there. We have nothing but commendation for them, for the consideration they have given our Church."

President Snow observed that the economy of South Africa "is in excellent condition . . . economically sound. The extended drought has apparently ended this year . . . The rains have changed the picture of the whole country, into one of beauty, a country where the Church continues to grow."

He said the missionaries are expected to learn the Afrikaans language, which they can do within six months. The missionaries are utilizing films, exhibits at fairs and agricultural shows, as means of getting the Church before the people. Many fine referrals are being passed along by the members. "We are having a genuine co-operation between the missionaries and the Saints in this regard," he said.

President Snow added that the converts joining the Church in South Africa are "the best kind of people. Good, solid, educated, business and industrial men, and professional type, and they are put right to work in the branches."

He noted the slogan in the mission has been: "Use them or lose them."

President Snow is proud of the fact that all twenty-two branches are officered by local members, leaving the missionaries to their active proselyting. Twenty of the branches have their own buildings. All auxiliaries and priesthood quorums are likewise manned by members. The MIA is beginning to sponsor Scouting.

Several young men have been called to full-time missions on the European continent, in Scotland and England.

Sister Snow found the Relief Society functioning well and of great strength to the branches.

** The above article was reprinted from the June 17, 1967 issue of the Church News.*

PRIESTHOOD PAGE

EDITOR'S NOTE: Several members in South Africa have inquired about President J. Golden Snow's line of authority.

J. Golden Snow — ordained a High Priest May 3, 1936, by George F. Richards.

George F. Richards — ordained an Apostle April 9, 1906, by Joseph F. Smith.

Joseph F. Smith ordained an Apostle July 1, 1866, by Brigham Young.

Brigham Young — ordained an Apostle February 14, 1835, under the hands of the Three Witnesses, Oliver Cowdrey, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris.

FROM OUR FILES

BLESSINGS

DURBAN FUTTER, Vanessa Rae blessed June 4, 1967. EAST LONDON INGRAM, Adrian Charles blessed June 25, 1967. PIETERMARITZBURG VAN HEERDEN, Rodger blessed June 18, 1967. PORT ELIZABETH STRUTHERS, Ursulia blessed May 7, 1967.	RAMAH I HOWDEN, Christopher blessed May 7, 1967. TAYLOR, Sylvia Lynn blessed May 7, 1967. RAMAH II SWARTS, Vivian Ann blessed June 4, 1967. WILCOCKS, Charles Theodore blessed May 6, 1967.
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BAPTISMS

BELLVILLE KOSCIUCH, Diane baptized May 8, 1967. SIEMS, Trevor George baptized May 8, 1967. DURBAN GORMAN, Katharine Louise baptized June 10, 1967. MCLELLAN, Hilton James baptized June 10, 1967. EAST LONDON INGRAM, Jean baptized June 10, 1967. INGRAM, Lorraine Mary baptized June 10, 1967.	MOWBRAY CERFF, Maud Grace baptized May 6, 1967. MARITZ, Marie baptized June 5, 1967. PIKE, Paulette Lorraine baptized May 6, 1967. PORT ELIZABETH SAAYMAN, Sharon Roberta baptized July 1, 1967. RAMAH II WILCOCKS, Hermanus Stephanus baptized May 6, 1967. WILCOCKS, Renola Renski baptized May 5, 1967. WELKOM GILBERT, Raymond Gordon baptized June 10, 1967.
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ORDINATIONS

COETZEE, Adam Jacobus ordained a Teacher May 28, 1967. HOLLIS, Anthony Walter Melcolm ordained a Teacher May 28, 1967. POYURS, Wessel Jacobus Wessels ordained a Priest May 28, 1967. SWANEPOEL, Roelof Johannes ordained an Elder June 11, 1967. VAN WYK, Gideon Jakobus Roelof Cornelius ordained a Teacher May 28, 1967. MOWBRAY BOOYENS, Martinus Jacobus ordained a Teacher May 21, 1967. SALISBURY BOTHA, Colin Graham ordained a Teacher June 18, 1967. BRAGGE, Beresford Ronayne Anthony ordained a Teacher June 11, 1967.	FISHER, George Stephen ordained a Teacher June 18, 1967. FISHER, Michael James ordained a Teacher June 18, 1967. GORDON-CARROLL, Neville ordained a Deacon June 18, 1967. VAN ZYL, Frank ordained a Deacon June 11, 1967. SPRINGS CHAPMAN, Keith William ordained an Elder June 11, 1967. JUBBER, Kenneth Claude ordained an Elder June 11, 1967. WELKOM PARKIN, George Stanley ordained a Priest June 4, 1967. PLATT, Leon ordained a Deacon June 4, 1967.
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MARRIAGES

PIETERMARITZBURG
HERBST, Emmerentia married Vernon Brian Potgieter on May 27, 1967.
ST JOHN-AYRE, Barbara Joyce married Thomas Louw van Deventer on May 11, 1967.

DEATHS

BLOEMFONTEIN
WASSERFALL, Alma Aletta (Vincent) died June 13, 1967.

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR APRIL

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Attendance Percentage	No. of Magazines	Sick Visits	Compassionate Service	No. of Visits	Families in Branch
Bellville	12	9	75%	10	32	84 hrs.	17	22
Bioemfontein .. .	18	9	50%	9	8	8½ hrs.	15	17
Bulawayo				NO REPORT				
Carletonville .. .	8	5	62%	6	—	—	16	13
Copperbelt	5	5	100%	4	—	—	4	5
Durban	47	26	57%	87	—	—	67	122
East London .. .	11	9	82%	7	—	—	12	—
East Rand	14	7	50%	14	3	—	26	52
Germiston	14	6	43%	8	—	—	4	20
Gwelo				NO REPORT				
Kimberley	5	4	80%	6	—	—	8	17
Klerksdorp	8	5	64%	8	—	—	2	15
Krugersdorp				NO REPORT				
Mowbray	49	31	63%	51	9	19 hrs.	89	90
Pietermaritzburg ..	19	10	52%	13	—	—	—	—
Port Elizabeth				NO REPORT				
Pretoria				NO REPORT				
Ramah I				NO REPORT				
Ramah II				NO REPORT				
Salisbury	26	14	53%	23	8	7 hrs.	32	37
Springs	23	15	65%	25	9	—	45	45
Vereeniging	5	7	114%	5	3	—	—	28
Welkom	13	4	30%	6	—	—	16	22

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

TRANSFERS

ELDER DOUGLAS R. WIESE, transferred from Witbank to Brakpan as District Leader of East Rand July 1, 1967.

ELDER DAVID B. BLY, transferred from Witbank to Bulawayo, July 4, 1967.

ELDER DAVID ELLIOTT STEWART, transferred from East London to Bulawayo, July 4, 1967.

ELDER KENNETH EARL PATTERSON, transferred from Carletonville to Salisbury, July 4, 1967.

ELDER MICHAEL JOHN TATE, transferred from Port Elizabeth to Salisbury, July 4, 1967.

ELDER LAWRENCE JOE MACKEY, transferred from Brakpan to Chingola, Zambia, July 1, 1967.

ELDER JAMES GOODWIN PLATT, transferred from Southern Suburbs to Chingola, Zambia, July 1, 1967.

ELDER KENNETH R. SNOWDEN, transferred from Chingola, Zambia, to Gwelo, July 1, 1967.

ELDER GLEN M. STODDART, transferred from Chingola, Zambia, to Germiston, July 1, 1967.

ELDER ALBERT E. WARD, transferred from Brakpan to Germiston as Transvaal Zone Leader, July 1, 1967.

ELDER MONTY J. EGGETT, transferred from Pretoria to Mission Home as Assistant to Mission President, July 4, 1967.

ELDER NEVILLE VAN ROOYEN, transferred from Springs to Bellville, July 2, 1967.

ELDER BRYCE L. DEAN, transferred from Springs to Port Elizabeth, July 7, 1967.

ELDER BRADLEY GUY BOWLER, transferred from Pretoria to Carletonville, July 4, 1967.

ELDER DAVID BRUCE OLIVER, transferred from Pretoria to Southern Suburbs, July 4, 1967.

ELDER MICHAEL T. CATES, transferred from Gwelo to Pretoria, July 13, 1967.

ELDER RAND L. MAYNARD, transferred from Southern Suburbs to Germiston, July 13, 1967.

ELDER DENNIS LUNDGREN, transferred from Kimberley to Benoni, July 10, 1967.

ELDER ROBERT Q. SHUPE, transferred from Cape Town to Bellville, July 9, 1967.

ELDER RONALD KENNETH GIBB, transferred from Benoni to Springs, July 10, 1967.

ELDER CARL S. NYE, transferred from Bellville to Springs, July 10, 1967.

ELDER RULON D. THOMSON, transferred from Durban to Benoni, July 10, 1967.

APPOINTMENTS



ELDER MONTY J. EGGETT, Bountiful, Utah **ELDER ALBERT E. WARD**, North Hollywood, California **ELDER DOUGLAS R. WIESE**, Ogden, Utah **ELDER TED "J" ALSOP**, Salt Lake City, Utah

ELDER MONTY J. EGGETT, appointed Assistant to the Mission President July 4, 1967. Elder Eggett has laboured in Fish Hock, Florida, Pretoria, Brakpan, Salisbury, and as District Leader of Pretoria.

ELDER ALBERT E. WARD, appointed Transvaal Zone Leader July 1, 1967. Elder Ward has laboured in Linden, Salisbury, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, and Brakpan. He has been District Leader of Eastern Cape and East Rand.

ELDER DOUGLAS R. WIESE, appointed District Leader of the East Rand July 1, 1967. Elder Wiese has laboured in Germiston, Pretoria, Edenvale, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, and Witbank.

ELDER TED "J" ALSOP, appointed District Leader of Pretoria July 3, 1967. Elder Alsop has laboured in Nigel, Germiston, Benoni, Krugersdorp, Gwelo, and Pretoria.

ARRIVALS

ELDER ROBERT ROSS NIELSEN, arrived July 5, 1967, from Medicine Hat, Alberta, and assigned to labour in Kimberley.

ELDER DONALD STEPHENS GARDINER, arrived July 5, 1967, from Salt Lake City, Utah, and assigned to labour in Brakpan.

ELDER CARL WILLIAM PEDERSON, arrived July 5, 1967, from Edmonton, Alberta, and assigned to labour in East London.

ELDER DOUGLAS ALEXANDER PURDON, arrived July 5, 1967, from Sarnia, Ontario, and assigned to labour in Bellville.

ELDER DAVID D. HANCOCK, arrived July 5, 1967, from Ogden, Utah, and assigned to labour in Durban.

ELDER RUSSEL V. HARPER, arrived July 5, 1967, from Mesa, Arizona, and assigned to labour in Cape Town.

ELDER DAVID SYLVESTER WALSH, arrived July 7, 1967, from Salt Lake City, Utah, and assigned to labour in Pretoria.

ELDER C. ERIC JOHNSON, arrived July 7, 1967, from Taber, Alberta, and assigned to labour in Germiston.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF CROCKETT, arrived July 7, 1967, from Grants Pass, Oregon, and assigned to labour in Vereeniging.

ELDER DWAYNE LEROY DAVIS, arrived July 7, 1967, from Pocatello, Idaho, and assigned to labour in Southern Suburbs.

RELEASES

ELDER TERRY C. LARSEN, released June 9, 1967. Elder Larsen is from Driggs, Idaho, and has laboured in Welkom, Vereeniging, Plumstead, Carletonville, Krugersdorp, and Primrose.

ELDER LARRY ALDEN RIGBY, released July 22, 1967. Elder Rigby is from Bountiful, Utah, and has laboured in Bloemfontein, Kitwe, Queenstown, Kimberley, Pretoria, and the Mission Home. He was District Leader of Pretoria and an Assistant to the Mission President.

ELDER DANIEL MACFARLANE JONES, released July 15, 1967. Elder Jones is from Las Vegas, Nevada, and has laboured in Southern Suburbs, Pietermaritzburg, Bulawayo, Cape Town, Yeoville, and Primrose. He has served as District Leader of Cape Town and of Central Rand and as Transvaal Zone Leader.